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SMUGGLING OF SANDALWOOD
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several airlines operators have been caught while trying to smuggle sandal wood;

(b) if so, the complete details of each case reported during the last one year; and

(c) the action taken against the crew members found involved therein, airlines-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI J.D.SEELAM)

(a) No Sir.

(b)&(c) "Nil" in view of the (a) above. However, Customs Department has detected some cases of smuggling of Pterocarpus santalinus or Red Sanders at International borders including Airports.